

## REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1 through 27 are pending in the application. Upon entry of this response, claims 22 through 27 will remain pending. Claims 1 through 21 have been canceled without prejudice as being directed to a non-elected invention. The Office Action has stated that restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C.

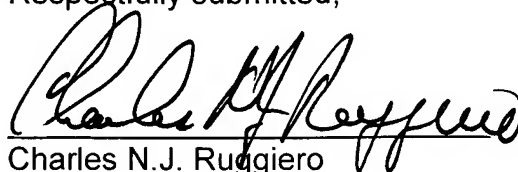
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- I. Claims 1-21, drawn to a method of forming a barrel for a tampon applicator, classified in class 264, subclass 296; and
- II. Claims 22-27, drawn to a barrel for a tampon applicator assembly, classified in class 604, subclass 11.

To comply fully with the restriction requirement, Applicants elect to prosecute claims 22-27, drawn to a barrel for a tampon applicator assembly.

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